



**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP [3700]**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

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**Title: ARTIFICIAL VERTEBRAL DISK
REPLACEMENT IMPLANT WITH CROSSBAR
SPACER AND METHOD**

PATENT APPLICATION

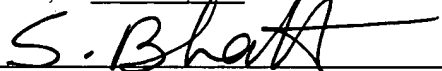
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REPLY B UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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This REPLY B is in reply to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2005.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: